

A RESOLUTION to designate April 22, 1995 as "Arbor Day" and "Earth Day" in Tennessee and to commemorate the fourth joint celebration of Arbor Day by Tennessee and Virginia.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to designate April 22, 1995, "Arbor Day" and "Earth Day" in Tennessee; this day should mean much more than a simple designation of time and place, but should carry with it a desire and purpose to add beauty and a homelike appearance to the landscape by planting and taking care of trees, which constitute one of the greatest achievements of nature; and

WHEREAS, trees shelter and beautify our homes, shade our streets and highways, give charm and dignity to our parks, life and character to our landscapes; and

WHEREAS, at a time when land is being paved at an extraordinary rate, and when trees are being felled for road expansion programs, the beauty of our communities can only be achieved through unprecedented civic effort; tree planting is one of the most important activities we can undertake to assure America's beauty; and

WHEREAS, the greatest good that can accrue to Tennessee from "Arbor Day/Earth Day" is not merely the planting of one or two trees here and there, but, rather, the attainment of publicity via the media which would make everyone tree-conscious throughout the whole year; and

WHEREAS, because 1996 marks the 200th anniversary of our statehood and because trees are live legacies to Tennessee's history, the city of Bristol has set a goal to plant one million trees by this date; and

WHEREAS, community contributions to our Bristol area “one million trees” planting goal by 1996 through in-kind, financial and tree planting support include EXIDE Corporation, Bristol Tennessee Electric System, Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol Compressors, Virginia Department of Transportation, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Tennessee High School Environmental Awareness Club, Bristol Chamber of Commerce, Keep Bristol Beautiful and the media; they are all assets to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, East High School DECA has also been active in a marketing campaign to promote the planting of one million trees, and the motto for this exemplary campaign is “one in a million”; and

WHEREAS, as to this date, over 730,000 have been planted by the joint effort of Bristol, Tennessee and Virginia; we hereby dedicate this Arbor Day/Earth Day to the cooperative efforts of this exemplary community, located in the states of Tennessee and Virginia, and to the commendable goal of planting one million trees by 1996; and

WHEREAS, trees are essential to life; without them the surface of the earth would be bare and drab; in planting and taking care of a tree, each man, woman and child are encouraged to make an invaluable contribution to the lives of future generations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That April 22, 1995, be designated as “Arbor Day/Earth Day” in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby honors and recognizes the fourth annual joint celebration of Arbor Day by the sister states of Tennessee and Virginia.

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